

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly:

- (a) Cancel claims 1 – 9, without prejudice; and
- (b) amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled) A toe separator to be worn on the foot of a patient, the toe separator comprising:

a sole plate sized and shaped to conform to the sole of a human foot;

said sole plate including a front portion including four upwardly projecting toe dividers.

2. (Cancelled) A toe separator according to claim 1, wherein said sole plate includes a foam upper surface.

3. (Cancelled) A toe separator according to claim 1, wherein said toe dividers each include a foam outer surface.

4. (Cancelled) A toe separator according to claim 1, wherein said toe dividers each include medicated powder.

5. (Cancelled) A toe separator according to claim 1, wherein sole plate comprises a double wall structure having upper and lower walls in spaced relation defining an interstitial space.

6. (Cancelled) A toe separator according to claim 5, further including a substance contained within said interstitial space.
7. (Cancelled) A toe separator according to claim 6, wherein said substance is a gel.
8. (Cancelled) A toe separator according to claim 6, wherein said substance is liquid.
9. (Cancelled) A toe separator according to claim 8, wherein said liquid is water.
10. (Currently amended) A toe separator to be worn on the foot of a patient while wearing a shoe, the toe separator comprising:
- a cushioned sole plate insert sized and shaped to conform to the entire bottom of the patient's foot;
- said sole plate having a front edge including four upwardly projecting, generally thin in width, cushioned toe dividers; and
- [said toe dividers each including an upper surface and rearwardly projecting tab connected to said upper surface.]
- each of said toe dividers including a rearwardly projecting cushioned tab for covering the top of the patients foot, said cushioned tab having a thin vertical profile.
11. (Original) A toe separator according to claim 10, wherein said sole plate includes a foam upper surface.

12. (Original) A toe separator according to claim 10, wherein said toe dividers each include a foam outer surface.

13. (Original) A toe separator according to claim 10, wherein said toe dividers each include medicated powder.

14. (Original) A toe separator according to claim 10, wherein sole plate comprises a double wall structure having upper and lower walls in spaced relation defining an interstitial space.

15. (Original) A toe separator according to claim 14, further including a substance contained within said interstitial space.

16. (Original) A toe separator according to claim 15, wherein said substance is a gel.

17. (Original) A toe separator according to claim 16, wherein said substance is liquid.

18. (Original) A toe separator according to claim 17, wherein said liquid is water.